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C O N F I D E N T I A L ADDIS ABABA 9445

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MORE ARRESTS AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

1. RADIO ETHIOPIA'S AMHARIC NEWSCAST 1400 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 9 CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT MILITARY HAD ARRESTED EMPEROR'S ADC, LGEN ASSEFA DEMISSIE "BY FORCE" (CF ADDIS 9299).

2. RADIO ALSO REPORTED ARREST VICE ENDERASSIE OF WOLLO, DEJ. ALI WOLLE.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT WARNED FIVE WANTED JUDGES AND TWO SENIOR IEG OFFICIALS STILL AT LARGE (CF ADDIS 9209) TO SURRENDER THEMSELVES BY 1400 HOURS AUGUST 10 OR FACE CONFISCATION THEIR PROPERTIES.

4. RADIO ALSO REPORTED SWEARING-IN CEREMONY (CF ADDIS 8450 AND 8821) ATTENDED BY PRIMIN AND DEPUTY PRIMIN AUGUST 8 FOR FOLLOWING MEMBERS COMMISSION OF INQUIRY:

A. LCOL NEGASH WOLDE MIKAEL OF POLICE
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B. CDR. LEMMA GUTEMA OF NAVY

C. DR. MAKONNEN WOLDE AMLAK OF HSIU
D. ATO BARO TOMSA OF SENATE
E. ATO GETACHEW DESTA OF GENERAL AUDITOR'S OFFICE
F. ATO SEIFU TEKLE MARIAM, WHO ELECTED SECRETARY TO
COMMISSION AND CONFIRMED IN THIS OFFICE BY EMPEROR

5. AFCC, FINALLY, SAID HAVE ISSUED ANOTHER STRONG WARNING TO
UNDISCIPLINED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO TAKING ADVANTAGE CURRENT
SITUATION TO BE INSUBORDINATE. THEY SHOULD GET BACK TO TOEING LINE
ON PENALTY OF BEING CONSIDERED ENEMIES OF ETHIOPIA.

6. COMMENT: ARREST EMPEROR'S ADC "BY FORCE" APPEARS SIGNIFICANT
NEW DEVELOPMENT. WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS TAKEN REPORTEDLY BY
BODYGUARD RPT BODYGUARD, FROM JUBILEE PALACE. PALACE THUS
CEASES TO BE SANCTUARY INTER ALIA FOR ADMIRAL ISKINDER DESTA,
WHO HAS BEEN LIVING ON ITS GROUNDS FOR MONTHS. IT DOES NOT RPT
NOT FOLLOW, HOWEVER, THAT DESTA WILL NECESSARILY BE ARRESTED,
ALTHOUGH WE JUDGE THAT POSSIBILITY HIS EVENTUAL DETENTION NOW
ENHANCED. DETENTION LG ASSEFA DEMISSIE PLACES IN AFCC HANDS AN
INTIMATE OF THE EMPEROR MORE PRIVY THAN MOST TO SOVEREIGN'S
AFFAIRS AND MOVES. THIS MAY PROVE PARTICULARLY PERTINENT IN CON-
NECTION EMPEROR'S ALLEGED CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SLOW OR CHANNEL
EVENTS IN MANNER BENEFICIAL TO HIMSELF.

7. SWEARING IN OF INDIVIDUALS LISTED PARA 4 ABOVE ADDS
SECRETARY TO COMMISSION INQUIRY MEMBERSHIP (CF ADDIS 8028
AND 8450), AS WELL AS SENATOR.
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